

To: FCC

Re: Docket 13-86 - "FCC Reduces Backlog of Broadcast Indecency Complaints by 70% (More Than One Million Complaints); Seeks Comment on Adopting Egregious Cases Policy"

I am much more concerned with the amount of violence which is aired on network primetime than I am with language use or brief nudity. I think the kinds of violence aired on shows such as "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit" and "The Following" are much more traumatic than a brief flash of a naked breast. I believe that particularly the type of sexual violence depicted on primetime crime dramas can do much more damage to a child's psyche than a few swear words or a sex scene between two consenting adults. I would prefer it if the regulations on brief nudity and language be relaxed while regulations on depictions of violence be tightened.

Ideally, I would prefer as few regulations on content as possible. I believe networks should be able to air whatever they want. If someone finds the content objectionable they can choose not to watch it. Eventually, the networks would realize what the public finds acceptable and would program accordingly. However, I feel American audiences have been trained to accept violence as entertainment due to how much of it has been aired on primetime (and in films) over the years. It is my hope that with tighter regulations, networks would stop using gratuitous violence and sexual violence as a ratings ploy, and audiences would grow less expectant of seeing it. I believe audiences have been programmed by primetime crime dramas to be de-sensitized to violent crime and particularly sexual crimes against women. I'd like to know if more regulation would cause these crimes to have more of an impact on viewers by allowing audiences to understand the truly heinous nature of them.

Thank you for taking comments on this issue.

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